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1. GOC SPOKESMAN APR 18 ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT TO CONGRESS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON CYPRUS AND GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE REPORT SPEAKS OF PROGRESS AT VIENNA VI. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT NO MENTION IS MADE OF PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA TALKS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS STRESSED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DEADLOCK, AND THAT THE TWO SIDES ARE STILL FAR APART IN THEIR VIEWS. THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT, HAVING IN MIND THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE

REPORT, DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY DEMARCHE TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT COULD NOT POSSIBLY SPEAK OF PROGRESS SINCE TALKS WHICH LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE GAP IN THE VIEWS OF THE TWO SIDES IS BIGGER THAN PREVIOUSLY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS CONSTITUTING PROGRESS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN NICOSIA AND, THROUGH THE CYPRUS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND IS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE WHOLE SITUATION TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY DEVELOPMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE BASIS OF THE VIENNA COMMUNIQUE AND THE STATEMENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE AT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. UNQUOTE.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS APR 18 STATED: "I RECEIVED TODAY THE FULL TEXT OF MR. CARTER'S REPORT WHICH DOES NOT REFER TO PROGRESS ACHIEVED AT VIENNA. THE INSTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH OF THE REPORT MENTIONS SIMPLY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERICAN LAW THE PRESIDENT REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON PROGRESS ON CYPRUS DURING THE PAST 60 DAYS. MY INTERPRETATION IS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS REFERRING TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST 60 DAYS AND NOT TO VIENNA."

3. GOC-CONTROLLED CBC RADIO AND TV HAS REPORTED BOTH STATE-MENTS PROMINENTLY IN NEWS BROADCASTS SINCE NOON APR 18 AS WELL AS BROADCASTING HIGHLIGHTS OF SUBJECT REPORT. CBC POINTEDLY OBSERVED THAT EARLIER STORIES THAT SUBJECT REPORT ALLEGED PROGRESS AT VIENNA VI WERE BASED ON REUTERS COVERAGE.

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